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## **CLAIMS**

1. A method for providing instructions to a user for operating an external defibrillator device 70 having a set of electrodes 50 couplable to a patient, said method comprising the steps of:

transmitting over a wireless protocol a voice prompt instructing the user to attach the set of electrodes 50 to the patient; and

transmitting over the wireless protocol at least one additional voice prompt instructing the user to administer defibrillator therapy.

- 2. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of transmitting over the wireless protocol a voice prompt instructing the user to administer CPR therapy.
- 3. The method of claim 2 further comprising the step of transmitting over the wireless protocol a voice prompt instructing the user that a patient assessment sequence is to begin.
- 4. The method of claim 1 wherein said external defibrillator 70 is a fully automatic external defibrillator.
- 5. The method of claim 1 wherein said external defibrillator 70 is a semiautomatic external defibrillator.
- 6. The method of claim 1 wherein said wireless protocol is selected from the group consisting of Bluetooth, IEEE 802.11, IEEE 802.15, IEEE802.16, Near Field Communication --- Interface and Protocol ("NFCIP-1"), and HomeRF.
- 7. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of transmitting voice prompts to a receiver embedded in a portable device 56.
- 8. The method of claim 7 wherein said portable device 56 is selected from the group consisting of a headphone, wireless telephone and a PDA.

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9. An electrotherapy device 70 comprising:

a controller 74;

an energy source 12;

at least one electrode 50 for providing electrotherapy to a patient; an energy delivery system 19 operable by the controller to deliver an electrical shock from the energy source to the at least one electrode;

a voice circuit 94 for generating audio prompts initiated by the controller; a wireless transmitter 85 coupled to the voice circuit for transmitting the audio prompts over a wireless communication protocol.

- 10. The electrotherapy device of claim 9 further comprising a portable device 56 having a wireless receiver embedded therein, said wireless receiver operating in accordance with the wireless communication protocol over which the wireless transmitter operates.
- 11. The electrotherapy device of claim 10 wherein said portable device 56 is selected from the group consisting of a headphone, wireless telephone and a PDA.
- 12. The electrotherapy device of claim 9 wherein said electrotherapy device is an external defibrillator.
- 13. The electrotherapy device of claim 12 wherein said external defibrillator is a fully automatic external defibrillator.
- 14. The electrotherapy device of claim 12 wherein said external defibrillator is a semi-automatic external defibrillator.
- 15. The electrotherapy device of claim 9 wherein said wireless communication protocol employed by the wireless receiver is selected from the group consisting of Bluetooth, IEEE 802.11, IEEE 802.15, IEEE802.16, Near Field Communication --- Interface and Protocol ("NFCIP-1"), and HomeRF.